

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Department – Sri K.Gowripathi the then DPO (Now Retd) Srikakulam District – Allegation of irregular sanction of lease for sand and illegal quarrying of sand in Sy.No.2432 of Korada (V), Hiramnadalam (M), Srikakulam District - Disciplinary action initiated - Enquiry conducted – Imposition of Penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 218

dated:28.02.2015.
Read the following:-

- Ref: 1. From the GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 114 (342/V&E/NRI/07) Dated: 8.8.2007.
2. Memo.No.20784/Vig.IV/A1/2007-1, Dated: 28.06.2008.
3.G.O.Rt.No.818, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept, Dated: 08.6.2010
4. Written statement of defense received from Sri K.Gowripathi dt 13.4.2011.
5. G.O.Rt.No.995, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept, Dated:28.06.2011.
6.G.O.Rt.No.996, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept, Dated: 28.6.2011.
7.G.O.Rt.No.1107, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept, dated: 21.6.2012
8.From the Commissioner, PR &RE, Hyderabad, Letter No. 8333/CPR&RE/E.3.Vig./2008, Dated: 30.6.2013.
9.Memo.No. 20784/Vig.IV/A1/2007, Dated: 25.11.2013.
10.Representation of Sri K. Gowripathi, the then DPO, Srikakulam District, (Now retired) Dated: Nil.
11.Govt Memo No.20784/Vig.III/A1/2007-9, dated.03.06.2014.
12.Representation of Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO (retired) dt.16.08.2014.
13.Govt.Letter No.20784/Vig.III/A1/20107-10, dt.12.12.2014
14.Letter received from APPSC, Lr.No.96/RT/3/2015, dt.06.02.2015.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (V&E) Department was taken up detailed enquiry on the allegations of irregular sanction of lease for sand by M/s Soma Patel ASI (JV) in Sy.No.243 of Korada (V) Hirammandalam (M), Srikakulam District and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K.Gowripathi, District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam District and two others on the irregularities in sanction of lease of sand and illegal quarrying of sand in Hirammandalam in Srikakulam District. Accordingly, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad has been requested to take necessary action as per the recommendations of General Administration (V&E) Department in the reference 2nd read above.

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2. In the reference 3rd cited, Govt., have been framed Article of Charges against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO, Srikakulam District calling for his explanation on the charges framed against him under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 4th read above, charged officer has submitted his Written statement of defense duly denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.
3. After examining the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the charged officer, and having not convincing of W.S.D., Government have decided to conduct common enquiry against Sri Md.Shabbeer Ahmed and Sri T.P.Raghavacharyulu, and Sri K.Gowripathi, Srikakulam district for the irregularities in sanction of lease of sand and illegal quarrying of sand in Hiramandalam in Srikakulam District. Accordingly orders have been issued in the reference 5th read above.
4. In the reference 6th read above, Sri C.Sankar Reddy, Addl. Commissioner, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad has been appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the said charged officer and in the reference 7th read above Sri M.Sudhakar Rao, Deputy Commissioner O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad has been appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the enquiry officer.
5. In the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad has submitted the enquiry report to stating that out of 4 charges 2 charges are held proved and 2 charges are partially held proved against Charged Officer and requested the Government to issue final orders as per the findings of the Enquiry Officer against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam district.
6. In the reference 9th read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the charged officer Sri K.Gowripathi, Srikakulam District (now retired), under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for calling for his representations on the findings of the enquiry officer against him. Accordingly the charged officer has submitted his representations and requested to drop further action against him vide reference 10th read above.
7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, with appropriate Authorities have provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 20 % cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri K.Gowripathi, as per Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly a show cause notice has been issued to him calling his representation on the proposed punishment to be imposed on him vide reference 11th read above.
8. In reply to the show cause notice, the Charged Officer Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO Srikakulam district (Now retired) has submitted his explanation and requested the Government to reduce the proposed penalty on humanitarian grounds vide reference 12th read above. After examining the explanation of the Charged Officer, it has been decide to impose the penalty of 20% cut in Pension for period of (5) years since there are no new grounds found the explanation of the Charged Officer.

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9. In the reference 13th read above, the APPSC has been requested to communicate concurrence of the Commission on the proposed penalty for imposing the penalty against the Charged Officer. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have concurred the proposed punishment of Government to impose the penalty of 20 % cut in pension for a period of five (5) years on Sri K.Gowripathi, Srikakulam District (Now retired) vide reference 14th read above.

10. Government after careful consideration of the matter, hereby decided to impose a punishment of 20 % cut in pension for a period of five (5) years on Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO Srikakulam district (Now retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on the allegation of irregular sanction of lease for sand and illegal quarrying of sand by M/s Soma Patel ASI (JV) in Sy.No.2432 of Korada (V), Hiramnadalam (M), Srikakulam District. Accordingly hereby order to impose the penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of (5) years against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO Srikakulam District (Now retired).

11. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad /District Collector, Srikakulam District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.
The Individual (Sri K.Gowripathi, the then DPO (Now retired) Srikakulam district) through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.
The District Collector, Srikakulam District.

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The General Administration (V&E) Department, Hyderabad,
The A.P. Public Services Commission, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, Hyderabad.
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